



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Smith : Examiner: Millin, Vincent A.  
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Serial. No.: 09/712,302 : Group Art Unit: 3624  
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Filed: November 14, 2000 : Attorney Docket No.: 046700-5044  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO :  
PERFORM BUY VERSUS LEASING :  
TRANSFORMATIONAL BIDDING :

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action mailed March 10, 2004, having a three-month period for response expiring June 10, 2004, by three months to and including September 10, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee required in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. **50-0310**.

Respectfully submitted,

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